Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues SE Intersection Improvement Project

Final Submission to U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

April 21, 2022
Project Overview - Project Area
CFA Comments

1. Keep plantings open, informal, and low in central ellipse. Do not add low branching trees to the central ellipse.

2. Keep plantings low, seasonal and flexible to allow for potential public art or commemorative elements in the future.

3. Carefully study the specific widths and alignments of the pathways within the park to minimize obstructions to pedestrian circulation.
CFA Comment 1: Keep plantings open, informal, and low in central ellipse. Do not add low branching trees to the central ellipse. (CFA)

Response: Removed trees from the central ellipse in favor of low-maintenance flowering perennials and simplified, low-growing evergreen shrubs along road edge.
CFA Comment 2: Keep plantings low, seasonal and flexible to allow for potential public art or commemorative elements in the future (NCPC).

Response: Planting selection revised to reflect comments and provide seasonal interest and ease of maintenance.
CFA Comment 3: Carefully study the specific widths and alignments of the pathways within the park to minimize obstructions to pedestrian circulation.

Response: Increased sidewalks to 9’ from edge to edge (8’ wide sidewalks with 6” flush concrete bands on either side). Center planted bed is raised with the NPS standard quarter round curb.
ADA Ramp Options Study

Option 1: Straight Ramp

Option 2: Curb Flare Ramp
Final Design – Ellipse

- Oak Tree
- Double Row of Shrubs
- Elliptical Path
- Planting Area
- Potential Future Memorial Location
- 9’ Wide Sidewalk (8’ Wide path, 6” Flush Exposed Aggregate Concrete Band on Either Side)
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Bird's Eye Visualization View North East
Final Design – Ellipse Materials

- NPS Standard Bench
- NPS Quarter-Round Exposed Aggregate Curb
- NPS Standard Trash/Recycling Receptacle
- NPS Standard Pedestrian Light Pole
- 6” Flush Concrete Band
- ADA Accessible Ramp
Hardscape Materials

- NPS Standard Exposed Aggregate Concrete
- NPS Standard Quarter Round Curb, Exposed Aggregate Concrete
- Flush Exposed Aggregate Concrete Band
- NPS Standard Park Bench
- Washington Globe Standard Streetlight
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